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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM: Director, Office of Congressional Affairs  
SUBJECT: Leaks Legislation

1. As you know, the Administration has been discussing leaks legislation for the past several years, but no consensus has been reached on the need for leaks legislation or how it should be drafted. Last week, the ADCI reluctantly agreed to withdraw leaks legislation from FY87 Intelligence Authorization Bill because of intense opposition from other agencies, especially DoJ, to our proposal. (See Letter to OMB Director Miller at Tab A)


2. It is obvious that we will make no progress toward obtaining leaks legislation until we reach a high level consensus on the need for such legislation. I believe the Agency could play a central role in forming a consensus and recommend that we take the following action forthwith:

--Enlist the Secretaries of Defense and State to support the need for leaks legislation and have them join a call for a meeting of the NSPG to decide the issue.

--Send the attached letter to the Attorney General (Tab B) reiterating your conviction that leaks legislation is needed and informing him of your intent to bring the issue up for consideration by the highest levels of the Administration.

--Press Admiral Poindexter for the meeting of the NSPG by mid-April to decide whether the Administration will commit to Leaks legislation.

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Attachments:  
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